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(Died Oct. 25, 1909, aged 81 years.)

Some men deserve more than passing mention not only because of their many good deeds, worthy each one of entablature upon an everlasting monument, but chiefly because these were the manifestation of and derived their excellence from a spirit sweet and pervading, calm and gentle, loving and pure, and brave to the end. We like to contemplate such a life and such a death. While we could wish to pay a fitting tribute, reminiscent of many events which still thrill his few aged surviving companions in arms, adding a collection of the treasures of memory for bereaved ones and friends to look upon and linger lovingly over, we shall content ourselves for lack of sufficient material along that line, with a poor attempt to draw a pen picture of the man, Major George P. Gordon, in form and feature of his soul, in word and gesture, in kind and gentle influence.

Several good biographical sketches have been written; his family history is well known; it is only necessary for us to touch upon a few points which have been omitted, not so much to embellish, as to fill out this brief character sketch. Suffice it to say Major George Pemberton Gordon was a native of the South, and "to the manor born."

Passing over events of childhood, youth and early manhood, all pregnant with the stirring life of ante-bellum times, when civil war began, Major Gordon was one of the first to join the company of Capt. Jo. O. Shelby, organized in Lafayette county, Mo., which afterwards developed into the famous Shelby brigade. On account of popularity and efficiency, for he was one of the capable drill masters of the brigade, he rose rapidly from the ranks and became successively Captain, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel, his brother, B. F. Gordon, having been next in command to Shelby himself. He participated in all the battles of the brigade, from Wilson's Creek to the close of the war, and was noted for his uniform coolness and bravery. One fact which proves his intimacy with his companions in arms was his wonderful memory of names and faces, it having been his custom to call the roll entirely from memory. Only a soldier can appreciate the sadness of heart upon many a roll call after a battle, especially to one of his gentle and affectionate disposition, when some well known face was not there and some well known voice did not respond. In battle and in camp, or on the march, sharing the dangers and the vigils, he was ever a true lover of his men, and they loved him. When the war was over he returned with the vanquished to the peaceful pursuits of life.

He would, doubtless, have lived much longer even have made the span of life almost another score if the hardships and exposures of a soldier's life had not induced those chronic diseases by which the grim reaper, death, has swept away so many veterans who had escaped unscathed from the battlefield. These, one after another, yielded to skillful treatment and tender home care, but each had in turn weakened a frame built for power and endurance. We often marvel at his patience and resignation in those days, for at times he required and displayed the highest qualities of a saint.

After the war it afforded him the greatest pleasure to meet those who had fought against him on the Federal side in various engagements and exchange notes and reminiscences. Those were always complimentary—never in the least acrimonious, and out of them grew up, in almost every instance, a warm and enduring friendship. He knew how to appreciate the bravery and the virtue

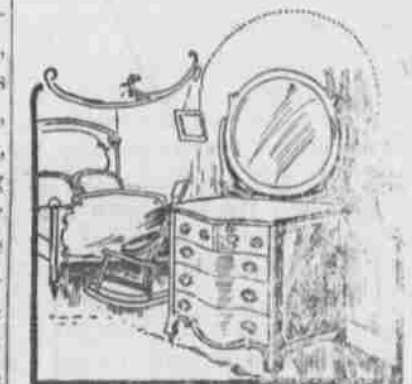
and was proud of the mettle of a foe, and always spoke with extreme modesty of his own part in the war, although justly proud of Shelby's renowned brigade, whose history deserves to be written with the pen of a Macaulay.

But our acquaintance with him was almost entirely in the quiet walks of life, all of which he graced with a serene disposition, a mature and sound judgement, a very marked deference to the opinions of others, tending to forget and foster mutual esteem. He was never known to condescend to any littleness or meanness whatever, and bore a high and chivalrous, yea, jealous regard, for a family name that had come down to him untarnished from remote generations. He was one of the last and best types of the old-time Southern gentlemen.

Twice married, with two families of children, four of whom and his widow survive him, Major Gordon was most lovable in his home. He adored his family and they adored him. This mutual affection grew stronger as the shadows of old age lengthened out for him into foreboding years and one, and it follows him into the world beyond. The visitor to his home was impressed with its joy and peace in health, its tenderness of grief and love in sickness. We were often there, were there a few days before he died, and remember with pride and pleasure its hallowed influences. He has left to wife, children and friends a heritage which cannot be measured by earthly wealth—the heritage of a gentle, glorious Christian character—to adopt the poet's lines,

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